



Snow, Ice and Mountain Pass Information

Public information

- dial 511, 1-800-695-ROAD or 1-206-DOT-HIWAY
- real-time weather, mountain pass and traffic information: www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic
- winter driving advice: www.wsdot.wa.gov/winter

Mountain pass travel advisories

WSDOT crews generally determine whether mountain pass conditions warrant a change in vehicle travel requirements and advisories. When travel requirements and advisories change, WSDOT updates roadway message signs, highway advisory radio (530 AM), toll-free phone lines (511 and 1-800-695-ROAD) and our Web site, www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic in that order. Drivers can expect to see the following travel advisories, depending upon conditions, this winter:

- **Oversized Vehicles Prohibited**
 - overheight (more than 14 feet)
 - overwidth (more than 8 1/2 feet)
 - overweight (100,000 lbs)
 - oversize vehicles are typically commercial trucks that, regardless of weather conditions, must obtain a special oversize vehicle permit to use the highways
 - a large sport utility vehicle, many commercial trucks, and most recreational vehicles do NOT fit this category
- **Vehicles over 10,000 lbs GVW Chains Required**
 - GVW stands for gross vehicle weight
 - examples of vehicles over 10,000 lbs GVW include large delivery trucks, recreational vehicles, semi or tractor-trailers, moving vans filled with items
 - a large sport utility vehicle or mini-van does NOT fit this category
 - the gross vehicle weight of the vehicle is in the owner's manual
- **Chains Required on All Vehicles/Except All-Wheel Drive**

Vehicles with approved snow tires and four-wheel drive engaged will be allowed without chains in the area, but state law requires those drivers to carry chains for at least two of the wheels.
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This occurs rarely and only by order of the Washington State Patrol.